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### **Remarks**

Claims 1-38 were pending.

Claim 2 has been canceled without prejudice.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 2-7, 9-12, 15, 17, 22, 28-30, 32, and 34 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Independent claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the features of allowed claim 2. Therefore, claim 1 now is in condition for allowance. Each of claims 3-8, 13, 14, 16, 18-21, and 23 incorporates the features of independent claim 1 and therefore also is in condition for allowance.

Claim 9 has been rewritten in independent form in response to the Examiner's indication that such a claim would be allowable. Each of claims 10-12 incorporates the features of independent claim 9 and therefore also is in condition for allowance.

Claim 15 has been rewritten in independent form in response to the Examiner's indication that such a claim would be allowable.

Claim 17 has been rewritten in independent form in response to the Examiner's indication that such a claim would be allowable.

Claim 22 has been rewritten in independent form in response to the Examiner's indication that such a claim would be allowable.

Independent claim 24 has been amended to incorporate the features of allowed claim 2. Therefore, claim 24 now is in condition for allowance. Each of claims 25-27, 31, 33, and 35-37 incorporates the features of independent claim 24 and therefore also is in condition for allowance.

Claim 28 has been rewritten in independent form in response to the Examiner's indication that such a claim would be allowable. Each of claims 29 and 30 incorporates the features of independent claim 28 and therefore also is in condition for allowance.

Claim 32 has been rewritten in independent form in response to the Examiner's indication that such a claim would be allowable.

Claim 34 has been rewritten in independent form in response to the Examiner's indication that such a claim would be allowable.

For the reasons explained above, all of the pending claims are now in condition for allowance and should be allowed.

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